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SUBJ: SINN FEIN PLANS ANTI-IMPERIALIST FESTIVAL

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, "OFFICIAL" SINN FEIN IS PLANNING AN "ANTI-IMPERIALIST FESTIVAL" FOR TWO-WEEK PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 22. LOCATION WILL BE IN DUBLIN FOR ONE WEEK, THEN BELFAST FOR ANOTHER. SINN FEIN CLAIMS TO EXPECT ABOUT 200 DELEGATES FROM U.S., CUBA, CHILE, PALESTINE, EAST AND WEST GERMANY, CANADA, BRITTANY, CATALONIA, AND BASQUE AREAS OF FRANCE AND SPAIN. PARTICIPANTS ARE TO BE "LEFT-WING ACTIVITISTS." SINN FEIN HAS REQUESTED SUBSIDY FROM IRISH TOURIST BOARD (BUT WE ASSUME THIS IS TONGUE-IN-CHECK).

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2. COMMENT: THIS IS OUR FIRST INFORMATION ON "ANTI-IMPERIALIST

FESTIVAL." AND WE ARE SKEPTICAL THAT OFFICIAL SINN FEIN CAN ORGANIZE INTERNATIONAL EVENT OF CONSEQUENCE. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH GOI BUT DOUBT THAT IT WILL DO ANYTHING TO HELP SINN FEIN PLANS. AT SAME TIME, "OFFICIALS" ARE LEGAL POLITICAL PARTY, AND THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO BRING OFF SMALL MEETING IF THEY FIND ENOUGH FOREIGN INTEREST. WE DOUBT THAT THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO GIVE PARTICIPANTS FINANCIAL HELP.

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO NEA POSTS IF CONSIDERED USEFUL.

4. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFO THAT DEVELOPS FROM "FESTIVAL" ON CONNECTION OF OFFICIAL SINN FEIN/IRA WITH TERRORIST GROUPS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. WHETHER OR NOT FESTIVAL IS SUCCESSFUL, WE THINK PLANS FOR IT AGAIN INDICATE SINN FEIN INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS. SORENSON

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